RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 22-8-38.

(*c*) 78. *A list giving the names of places is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*d*) 17 started, 13 completed, 4 under construction.

Registry of Poramboke lands.

13 **MR. P. C. ADICHAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is at present a G. O. prohibiting all registryof Poramboke lands?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member's attention is drawn to the Press Communique dated 20-10-1942, a *copy of which is laid on the table.

Concessional registry of lands to members of the Backward Communities.

14 **MR. P. C. ADICHAN**: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state whether they have set apart any lands in the Pathanapuram pakuthi, Pathanapuram taluk, for concessional registry to members of Backward Communities;

(*b*) if so, to lay on the table a list showing the names of such places, their respective survey numbers and their extent; and

(*c*) to state whether they have set apart any lands in the Punalur pakuthi of the said taluk for concessional registry to Backward Communities?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. 22 cents in Survey No. 249/11 of the Pathanapuram pakuthy.

(*c*) Yes. 152·82 acres.

Land Revenue Commissioner's Office.

15. **MR. P. C. ADICHAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which the office of the Land Revenue Commissioner was abolished?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 1st Karkadagom 1116.

Kulakkada Colony.

16. **MR. P. C. ADICHAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for starting a Colony in Kulakkada pakuthi, Kottarakara taluk; and

(*b*) whether the work in connection with the Kulakkada Colony has already begun?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A sum of Rs. 1250 has been sanctioned for the construction of 50 dwelling houses for starting a Colony of the Backward communities in Kulakkada pakuthi, Kottarakara taluk.

(*b*) Arrangements are being made to have the land transferred for starting the work.

*Vide Appendix I.

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Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 13.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

In connection with the "Grow More Food" Campaign, numerous representations and many written applications have been received by Government for registry of extensive tracts of land. While Government are willing and anxious to open up for cultivation new areas and to encourage maximum production in tracts already under cultivation, it is considered wholly inexpedient at the present juncture permanently to alienate extensive areas of valuable land. It is also necessary to formulate a uniform and definite policy for helping the really earnest section of the applicants and making available to them new lands in furtherance of the programme to extend and intensify cultivation.

Government therefore consider that, no more registries as such should be permitted but that leases for periods ranging from 3 to 7 years can alone be granted. The period of lease will be dependent on the productivity of the land, the *bona fides* and financial resources of the applicants, etc. In considering applications, priority will be given to the requests from Co-operative Societies, Syndicates and other similar associations with a view to encourage joint efforts and to extend the benefit of the concessions to as large a number of people as possible. Government also propose to fix a premium for the grant of the lease, the said premium being liable to be forfeited if adequate cultivation is not carried out within a period to be specified in respect of each lease and in other cases, being returnable after the satisfactory termination of the lease.

Detailed rules relating to the fixation of premium, the lease amount, conditions for the working of the lease, submission of periodical returns regarding the progress of cultivation, etc., will be issued shortly.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 20th October 1942.

(Sd.) N. P. HARIHARAN,
For *Chief Secretary to Government*.

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